



## VA-St. Louis Health Care System Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy Residency

VA-St. Louis Health Care System are proud to offer an ABPTRFE accredited cardiovascular and pulmonary physical therapy residency program. The mission of this program is to train thoughtful clinicians who can integrate and synthesize cardiovascular and pulmonary physical therapy specialty practice, knowledge, and skill in an effort to provide our veteran population with outstanding, evidence-based physical therapy services across the continuum of care. Our didactic and clinical curriculum are carefully designed offering the resident the opportunity for immediate integration of didactic knowledge with clinical practice thereby fostering advanced clinical decision-making in the area of cardiovascular and pulmonary physical therapy.

### Resident Opportunities

#### Available Clinical Settings:

- Acute Care
- Inpatient Rehabilitation
- Medical and Surgical Intensive Care Units
- Lymphedema Clinic
- Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation  
Inpatient and Outpatient
- Home-Based Primary Care (optional elective)
- Aquatic Therapy (optional elective)
- Amputee Clinic (optional elective)

#### Additional Information:

- Didactic course work through face-to-face instruction and advanced practice webinars
- Collaboration with interdisciplinary team
- Clinical instruction and mentorship from a variety of Board Certified Clinical Specialists
- Lab assisting, instruction and teaching opportunities at Maryville University
- Opportunities to join faculty directed research
- Resident directed scholarly project
- Professional development opportunities

#### Program Admission Requirements:

- U.S. Citizen
- Degree from an accredited physical therapy program
- Current Physical Therapy License in the State of Missouri prior to residency start date

- Application through RF-PTCAS due March 1, 2021
- Comply with all VA St. Louis Health Care System employment requirements
- Performance-Based Interview

**Program Highlights:**

Clinical content will include screening, evaluation, and treatment for adult veterans with cardiac and pulmonary conditions in all practice settings at the VA-St. Louis Healthcare System.

Additional didactic opportunities include classroom and laboratory training at Maryville University.

Clinical specialists and content experts will provide clinical mentoring during direct patient and client management.

Residents will attain Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) certification.

Residents will complete the APTA Clinical Instructor Level 1 Credentialing Course.

Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Program graduation rate: 75%; Cumulative VA-St. Louis Physical Therapy Residency Programs graduation rate: 83%

Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Certification Exam pass rate for program graduates: 100% as of 2020

**Program Details:**

The residency program is 12 months in length, not to exceed 13 months in special circumstances.

Residents are full-time salaried employees of the VA-St. Louis Healthcare System with access to health benefits, life insurance, and paid time off.

There is no cost for tuition or program fees.

Applicants must attain licensure in the state of Missouri prior to the program start date.

The program has full credentialed status with the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education effective June 2017.

Applications are to be submitted through RF-PTCAS.

## Contact Us

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